GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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STANDARD AXLE LOAD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Standard Axle Load used in India for designing of roads;

(b) whether there is a demand to increase the Standard Axle Load to carry more load;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) For designing the roads in India, following Standard Axle Loads are considered:

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Single Axle Load 8160 kg
Tandem Axle Load 14968 kg
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(b) to (d) Representations from various fora such as industry associations/ industrial units, transporters/ transport associations, State Governments and some individuals were received regarding review of the permissible Axle Load. However, taking into account its adverse effect on road infrastructure and safety, increase in standard Axle Load is not feasible.